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MICHIGICOTEN DISTRICT.

Some Splendid Gold and Iron Deposits—Helen Iron Mine.

WA WA CITY, Ont. Jan. 14.—There is no mistake; it is difficult to predict the great future of this district. In the fall of 1897 the first discovery of gold ore was made public. This was on Lake Wa Wa, six or seven miles from the northeast shore of Lake Superior in a country devoid of any trace of modern improvements. The transformation since then is so great that the truth is hard to believe. Now there are towns of several hundred inhabitants, railroads, survey for electric roads, using the power of the falls on the Michigicoten river; wagon road making, and scores of shafts being sunk on gold veins showing great values.

The Iron Age, of New York, in its issue of Jan. 3, 1901, has this to say of the district: "The year has seen one development of much importance, that is the opening of a new field. Some 16 months ago the Algoma Commercial Company began the construction of a railway from Michigicoten harbor, northeast shore of Lake Superior, in Canada, to their newly discovered ore properties 12 miles inland. This August the first shipments were made, and by the close of the season the total movement had been 62,000 tons. The ore here is not of high grade and is

largely non-bessemer. As yet the full extent of the deposit of the Helen mine is unknown, though there is enough in sight to warrant the expenditures already made and planned.

"Owing to the short rail haul and the comparatively slight mining cost, the mine being situated on a side hill and above ground, the company can probably ship an ore that would not bear the charges of transportation from the head of the lake. Its average analysis for the season has been in the neighborhood of 60 per cent. iron. The structure of this iron is excellent, and it should be a favorite in the furnace. So far the Algoma company has opened but one mine, the Helen, but they have a large territory along the ore-bearing formation and have found several additional deposits that they have yet had no time to explore. One of these, the Josephine, will be reached by their road the coming year. There is said to run better than that of the Helen. What the Michigicoten district may become no man can now predict, but it would appear as though it would be an important source of supply in future years."

This same company (the Algoma) through one of their managers last season, made one of the richest gold strikes south of Lake Wa Wa, that has been discovered in the field. It has leaked out that that this is most wonderfully rich although no one but the officers and workmen are allowed in or near the mine and it is rumored that the company will soon put in a large stamp mill.

It is believed that others have made discoveries on their claims of enormous values in gold quartz, but for some reason are trying to keep the matter

secret. It is known that in different parts of the field very rich and more uniform and larger veins have been found than the Algoma find has proven to be and the same color and character of ore as the Algoma is known to have been gotten from claims and shafts in the vicinity of the Algoma strike. It is difficult to tell where the best is in this new field of minerals. Large bodies of copper ore are known to exist within the bounds of this district, and some of almost every valuable mineral is found here.

Two new railroads are now building into and through the district and they are thus connecting the mining camps of the district by rail with the C.P.R. and the electric railway running through the principal developments will connect Michigicoten river with Lake Wa Wa.

Large commodious hotels are in full blast and furnish as good accommodations as most hotels in our large cities. What great record this field will make the future will tell, but certainly we know its morning sun is bright.

OUR GOLD ORES AT BUFFALO.

The Government of Ontario Will Make an Exhibit at the Pan-American.

We have this week received the following communication from Thos. W. Gibson, Director of the Bureau of Mines, regarding the exhibit of the Ontario Government at the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo the coming summer. We hope that every mine owner and prospector in the district will read this carefully and make every effort to assist the government in making a splendid exhibit of our wonderful resources. The letter is self explanatory:

Bureau of Mines, Department of Crown Lands Toronto, January 2, 1901.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to inform you that the Government of the Province of Ontario has accepted the invitation of the Directors of the Pan-American Exposition to make an exhibit of the ores, minerals and mineral products of the Province at that Exposition, which opens in the City of Buffalo, N. Y., 1st May next and lasts until 31st October following.

It is most desirable in the interest of the mineral industry of this Province that the exhibit should be a complete

THE EAGLE LAKE DISTRICT

A Number of very Promising Properties Being Developed.

J. D. Curran, one of the energetic prospectors of the Eagle lake mining district, was in town this week. Though inclined to be conservative he is enthusiastic when speaking of the future mining in that camp. The Eagle lake mining district is about 12 miles south of Vermilion bay, and is one of the most accessible mining divisions in Western Ontario. In summer it is possible to leave Vermilion station on the C.P.R. and go by boat to any of the mines. Though only the fringe around Eagle lake has been prospected some splendid properties have been located, and we believe that district will receive the most attention next spring from prospectors and mining men.

Messrs. Curran & Stevenson own the Viking claim. They have been thoroughly prospecting their property and have sunk three pits to a depth of 15 feet. The vein is about 15 feet wide and they obtain splendid results in the pan. They intend to continue sinking with the object of getting sufficient ore for a mill run so that they may more accurately know the nature of their claim.

The Eagle Lake Mining Co., of which N. B. Higgin is manager, are now down over 60 feet. They are drifting both ways at the 50 foot level. The property is on a big hill and it is their intention to run these drifts so that they will come out at either side, thus making splendid ventilation for their shaft. The drifts will be about 10 feet above high water mark.

Mr. Foner, who is associated with A. J. Partington, is developing their property, the Baden-Powell, and securing some wonderful samples. Recently while stripping they came across a body of ore even richer than that which first attracted their attention to the Eagle lake district.

The Manhattan Gold Mining Company have secured some valuable claims and will commence active development work as soon as the ice breaks up. They will place a boat on

ported that the property in question had not turned out as well as was expected, but evidently the report was erroneous or the large sum named would not have been paid for it.

Mr. King informs us that all of his claims on Sturgeon lake pass into the hands of Mr. Shores.

"As noted in a local item the government has under consideration the building of an all-round road from the main line of the C.P.R. to Sturgeon Lake.—Port Arthur Herald.

The Stella Mine Optioned.

The Stella mine has been optioned to St. Paul people and active work will be commenced in a few days. The deal was consummated through Neil Campbell. The Stella has always been considered by local people to be one of the most promising properties in the district, and we are glad to learn that it will be opened up with strong capital.

LOST ON SABASCONG BAY

Wm. Caslick has a Terrible Experience.—Lost for Two Days.

On Tuesday afternoon Jan. 8th, a young man named Wm. Caslick, employed by Messrs. Malcolm & Dunning, as cook at their log camp on Knickerbocker Inlet, complained of not feeling well and thought that a little outdoor exercise would benefit him. The day being bright, clear and frosty he decided to spend the afternoon out. During a little he started out about a mile back, remarking to the cook that he was going over to Huron Lake, and take a walk around a large island on the lake and that he would be in by four o'clock. Unfortunately he misjudged the distance around the island and in place of keeping on the course to go around it he turned slightly and turned off the lake into the woods in the hope of seeing a moose or caribou.

In the meantime at the camp quite an excitement had arisen, he not getting back by dark the evening he set out. Mr. Foner, who is associated with A. J. Partington, is developing their property, the Baden-Powell, and securing some wonderful samples. Recently while stripping they came across a body of ore even richer than that which first attracted their attention to the Eagle lake district.

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AN IMMENSE GOLD CLAIM

Niagara & Sturgeon Lake Co. Placing a Mill on Their Property

Mr. Tyndall, the secretary of the Niagara & Sturgeon Lake Mining Co., was in town this week. This company is composed of some wealthy men in eastern Ontario, and has secured a group of valuable properties in the new mining district to the north of Ignace. They were purchased from Mr. Cobb, merchant, of Ignace, and his associates. If one tenth of what is claimed of these properties is true this company has certainly secured magnificent claims. The vein is 40 feet wide and is clearly traceable across three 40 acre locations. The values are very high and confirmed by numerous assays and panning. The company is at present taking to the property a 10 stamp mill, and suitable camp buildings have been erected. It is their intention to quarry and put the ore through the mill as soon as it is in position. They claim that the wonderful values and extent of surface showings justify them in placing the mill on the property at once, notwithstanding the frequent adverse criticism of such a procedure.

The company is a close corporation and is one of the strongest that ever operated in the district. A large amount of supplies were this week purchased in town and shipped to the property.

Removed From the Mikado.

Much regret is felt and expressed in this community at the intended removal of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson and family to Rat Portage, who for the past year have had the management and catering of the boarding camp at the Mikado gold mine.

As soon as their intention became known, an impromptu meeting of the workmen was held at the camp, when a committee was selected and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who acknowledged in few

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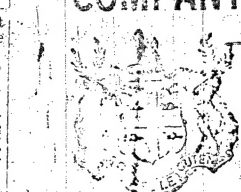
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tract large numbers of people from all
parts of the United States and from
Europe, and Buffalo being situated at
the entrance to Ontario, the presence
of many thousands of visitors from
our own Province is also assured.
The opportunity which the Exposition
will afford of bringing the mineral
resources of Ontario to the notice of
American and other capitalists, and of
demonstrating to the world the variety
and richness of those resources will
probably not again be equalled for
years to come.

The collection and preparation of
the exhibit devolves upon the Bureau
of Mines, and I confidently invite your
co-operation in making it an adequate
and worthy one. The extent of the
mineral wealth of Ontario is only
beginning to be understood south of
the line, where there is abundance of
capital in the hands of men accustomed
to mining and mining enterprises who
are ready to invest it wherever there
is a prospect of profitable returns. A
proper representation of our mineral
resources at Buffalo can hardly fail to
bring them in touch with capital need-
ed for their development.

The display should include not only
metalliferous ores, such as those of
gold, silver, nickel, copper, iron, lead,
etc., but also the useful non-metallic
substances in which our Province
abounds, viz., petroleum, salt, gypsum,
mica, talc, actinolite, graphite, cor-
undum, apatite, marl, peat, etc., as
well as structural materials like granite,
sandstone, limestone, marble, cement,
and all classes of clay products, such
as brick, terra-cotta, pottery and
sewer pipe.

Not only should crude materials be
shown, but also products in all stages
of treatment and manufacture, which
add much to the interest and value of
an exhibit.

Photographs of mines and works are
much desired and can be used to great
advantage.

Persons or firms wishing to make
individual displays will be given an
opportunity of doing so, subject to
limitations of space, on making their
intentions known.

Please give this matter prompt at-
tention, as the time for making the
collection is short.

Further information and directions
as to shipment, samples, etc., will be
gladly furnished on application.

Your obedient servant,
THOS. W. GIBSON,
Director.

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A few weeks ago Ralph McKintyre
sold a valuable claim to a St. Paul
gentleman, who will, we are credibly
informed, commence active develop-
ment in the spring.

REMARKABLY RICH STRIKE

**The Steele Mine at Sturgeon
Lake is a Rich
One.**

Mr. S. J. Steele was in town this week
on his way from Sturgeon Lake to
Saginaw. A couple of weeks ago this
paper told of a marvellously rich strike
which had been made in Mr. Steele's
mine on Sturgeon Lake. It was said
by Mr. King, who brought the infor-
mation, that the bottom of the shaft
glistered with the yellow metal. Mr.
Steele had in his possession a number
of specimens of good size taken from
this find. The specimens are fabulously
rich in gold, great nuggets being
held together by the quartz and fully
bear out the report made at the time
of discovery. There has been shown
here specimens containing free gold in
quantity to make one's eyes bulge, but
those carried east by Mr. Steele are
positively the biggest thing ever seen
here.

This remarkably rich strike will
without doubt cause an influx of
prospectors to the Sturgeon Lake
country in the spring.

Messrs. Todd & Aitkin yesterday
loaded a carload of teaming outfit for
Ignace, where the road to Sturgeon
Lake begins. They will haul in sup-
plies and machinery for the syndicate
which has taken over the Jutro claims
on Sturgeon Lake. Several stables
and stopping shacks have been erected
on the route to the lake and others
will be put up immediately. A large
amount of freight will be taken in for
the companies now operating there.

It is reported that the Shores have
closed the deal with Mr. Peter King for
the property they have been working
on for several months. The deal was
consummated at Ashland, Wis., whither
Mr. King and Mr. McBrady went at
the request of Mr. Shores. It was re-

ported about 10 o'clock, remarking to
the cook that he was going over to Hy-
ron Lake, and take a walk around a
large island on the lake and that he
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around the island and in place of keep-
ing on the course to go around it he
turned slightly and turned off the
lake into the woods in the hope of
seeing a moose or caribou.

In the meantime at the camp quite
an excitement had arisen, he not get-
ting back by dark the evening he set
out, was sufficient to cause alarm.
Immediately after supper a search
party of two men started out to hunt
for the missing man. One of them,
John Mahon, being well acquainted
with the lake accompanied by Wm.
Morrison, they got on his trail shortly
after leaving the camp and followed it
up until he crossed the creek above
mentioned and where the tracks led
into the woods. Here they fired
several shots from a rifle but got no
reply. They decided that it would be
useless to try to catch up to him and
travel through the bush at night, so
returned to camp. Early next morn-
ing Mr. Dunning, manager of the camp
with Morrison and a good supply of
provisions, socks, mitts and medicines,
started out to find the man who by
this time had about 18 hours start of
them. They took the trail right from
the camp expecting that the man
would retrace his steps when he found
he was lost, and that they would no
doubt meet him. They followed on,
sometimes on the lake and off again
into the woods, after going about 22
miles they came up to where Caslick
had made a fire the night before, here
they had a lunch and started off again
travelling in all directions down into
the bay, around islands, they having
to follow his trail closely and not leave
it for fear that they might miss him,
during the day they saw where the
man had lain down in ten different
places to rest. Night came on and
the searchers proceeded to make camp
for the night under a large balsam
tree. The night was bitterly cold for
camping out but with a good fire they
pulled through all right. Before day-
break they were again on the move.
On they went till nearly noon when
they found that their man had struck
a trail leading to a camp. On reach-
ing the camp Mr. Dunning opened the
door and walking in found his man,
he having walked over 50 miles from
the place he started from. Billy has
come to the conclusion that there are
certainly some big islands on the Lake
of the Woods, as after all his walking
he did not get around the one he
started for. In the meantime Mr.
Dunning is thinking of applying for a
commission in Baden Powell's constab-
ulary for scouting in the Transvaal.
Not so much danger of freezing to
death out there anyhow, Jerry.

For cheap meals go to Gordon, Iron-
sides and Fares, Fort street.

Much regret is felt and expressed in
this community at the intended re-
moval of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Johnson
and family to Rat Portage, who for
the past year have had the manage-
ment and entering of the boarding
camp at the Mikado gold mine.

As soon as their intention became
known, an impromptu meeting of the
workmen was held at the camp, when
a committee was selected and the fol-
lowing resolution was unanimously
agreed to, and presented to Mr. and Mrs.
Johnson, who acknowledged in few
but suitable words:

Resolved: That we, the remaining
ones of the many whose daily wants
you have so faithfully and cheerfully
provided for, have heard with sorrow
of your intended departure from
amongst us. If we had known it
sooner and time had permitted, we
might have been more demonstrative
in expression. We cannot, however,
allow you to quietly glide away with-
out giving voice to the esteem felt for
you by one and all of us. We there-
fore beg to tender to you our heart-
felt thanks for general friendly treat-
ment we have always received, as also
for the many special acts of kindness
that many of us have met with during
sickness and when specially needed.
We take pleasure in testifying to your
high standard of ability in the execu-
tion of your duty towards us who
have so happily been the recipients;
and we wish you both, with your fam-
ily the utmost prosperity and happi-
ness during your future lives.

On behalf of the employees of the
Mikado mine.
H. J. SHIELDS,
Chairman.
D. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

Big New Elevator.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—J. A. Jamieson
has completed plans for a 1,500,000 bus-
hel elevator at Port Arthur. The
structure is to be for MacKenzie &
Mann, and is to cost \$850,000. It will
be completed by September.

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'TIS TIME TO AWAKE

Sermon Delivered in Knox
Church by Rev. W.
M. Rochester.

ROM. 13: 11.

The day is just breaking. The sun already gilds the hill tops when clear upon the morning air is heard a bugle blast. It is the reveille summoning the slumbering soldier to wakefulness and duty. This soul-stirring message from the pen of the Apostle Paul may be regarded as the reveille of the church. It is sounded to awake us from slumber, to rouse our souls from dull and stupid indifference to higher things. It is an impressive appeal to all who have not yet turned from sin unto God to embrace the opportunity afforded by the redemptive work of Christ and rise from sloth and baseness to newness of life. Awake! Awake!! the faithful messenger cries. "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." "Awake, awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city."

To this end these words have been greatly blessed. The appeal has been effective to the rousing of dead souls. It has penetrated their stupor, and their lives have been redeemed from villainess and misery. Augustine, a great figure in the early history of the church, affords an illustration. He had given himself over to low-living, to riot and wantonness; he had surrendered himself to sin with utter abandon. His mother prayed earnestly for him. Leaders in the church pleaded with him, but he remained obdurate. Stumbling however as by accident upon his portion of Scripture he read these words. He felt in them the thrill of earnestness and of power which animated him who used them. He was thoroughly aroused, forsook his sins, turned to God, and an almost wrecked life was reclaimed and renewed. May we not look still for the manifestation of His ancient power, and see in ourselves and others the quickening and improving influence of this earnest summons to purity and zeal?

It is not difficult to understand Paul's meaning. He speaks in a figure, but the key to unlock the secret is found in the appeal itself. It is a metaphor of common use in the Bible. Night is the hour of the dead, and a dead man when the night comes

to which we all may rise. If we cannot now contemplate rescue work we may save ourselves, and every pure mind is a tower of strength to the weak.

He gives place in his enumeration to strife and envying. These are what people generally regard as respectable sins. They are not to be classed in grossness with license and debauch. They are given large indulgence it is feared even in the life of those who most openly profess Christianity. The apostle hesitates not to place them in a category with intemperance and impurity. In no preference made to these heart sins does the Bible treat them lightly. "Where envy and contention is, there is every evil work." "A sound heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is the rottenness of the bones." These are of the glaring sins of society. Social life with its unworthy ambitions is good soil in which to develop these evils. Christianity indicates heart purity. It demands the crushing out of envious thought, and teaches men to love each other out of pure hearts fervently. It is high time for many to awake and deliver their souls from such sin.

The urgency of this call is declared in the words, "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time, to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." The hour makes the summons urgent. It is the full time for awaking. Surely we shall ascend in conviction with Paul when we see the time. Say first our own years. At what stage of life are we? How old? The sands of time are slipping. What is there left yet in the glass? "Remember, also," said Rutherford to Gordon of Ruseo, "your shortening sand glass. Remember and mis-spent not your short sand glass, for your forenoon is already spent, your afternoon has come, and your night will be on you when you will not see to work. Let your heart, therefore, be set upon finishing your journey, and summing up and laying out the accounts of your life and the grounds of your death alone before God."

Consider the time of our profession. How long have we posed as the children of the light? How far back do we date our first open acknowledgement of Christ? How long have we had a name to live and are dead? For what time possessed of a form of godliness without the power thereof? Regarding this we shall be compelled to say it is the time for fruit, it is the full season of harvest.

Looking to the age we shall see that events are hastening on and that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Salvation, when the creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corrup-

AN OLD MAN'S DARLING.

The hair is white that sweeps across
His deeply furrowed brow;
The hand that once so proudly pointed
Drags forward feebly now!
He swears no justice came, but leans
Upon a heavy stick;
And as I stand before him and go
Enquire that the step be slow,
Which once was light and quick,
His hand is laid upon his arm,
And I see lights up her face,
When he, with trembling callousity,
Still helps her over the place.
Where small obstruction chance to lie,
Assists her up the stair;
And, after fifty years have run,
Their course, still looks on her as one
Whose needs his aid and care.
A smile oft plays around her lips
When she accepts his aid,
For only loving gentle hands
Has Time upon her laid;
Her eyes are bright, her step is light,
Her face, with ancient pride,
Does exude joy and content her still—
Not he her knight-as down the hill
He peters at her side.
—S. E. Eiser in Chicago Times-Herald.

AN EMPEROR'S NOSE.

BY M. QUAD.

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Two years before the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war and the downfall of the last Napoleon an American named James Birney landed in Paris from New York. He was what might be called a general utility man. He had been a small merchant in Michigan, a bookkeeper in Ohio, a manufacturer in Indiana and an editor in Iowa. He was a good natured, easy going, unassuming, taking life as he found it and making no kinks. If he got a dollar ahead, he would find some new excuse to get rid of it; if he was behind the game, his creditors would have to extend his account. Nobody called him smart, but everybody said he had a strong fund of humor and philosophy.

When a man in Cincinnati invented a bullet proof vest, Mr. Birney somehow got hold of the European agency—that is, he went to Paris at least to bring the patent directly to the attention of the French emperor, who was always on the lookout for military novelties. The American's check and personal services of him an audience after a long wait. He had in mind that he would not deal with the mini-

"Then you have gone crazy! You are out of your mind. You know not what you say!"

"I am all right from head to heel, my dear sir, and I can't understand your agitation. What's the matter with my scheme for improving Napoleon's nose?"

The minister rang his bell with nervous hand, and a minute later Birney was out on the sidewalk with a dea in his car—that is, he was told to take himself off or he would be locked up as an insane person. It was rather a setback for him, and it took him a day or two to get over it, but he finally came up smiling. If the minister would not help him out, there were other officials who would. He tried two or three of them, with the result that he was eventually haled before the chief of police. That official probably sized him up correctly, for he said to him:

"You do not realize what you are doing. Don't you understand that you can be sent to prison for this? You do not appear to have lost your mind, and you are no fool, and the best thing you can do is to get out of Paris at once."

"But what is the crime?" argued Birney. "All I have done is to say that I can improve on the emperor's nose. Can't a man be sent to prison in France for that?"

"He can, sir, as I wish to make you understand. You must not talk this way. You have made trouble for yourself, and you had best get away as soon as possible. Should the emperor himself hear of your insulting words you would be sent to some fortress for five or ten years."

"Shoot! You don't say! But you Frenchmen are queer people! Well, I don't want to leave Paris for a few days yet, but I'll keep still about Napoleon's nose. I had no idea he was so touchy about it. Not another word from me if that's the way things are."

The chief added another warning, though he saw the humor of the thing and smiled behind his mask. Birney might stay on for a few days, but he must keep that nose attachment of his in the background and his tongue between his teeth. He went out of the police office meaning to do it, but scarcely 24 hours had passed away when he accidentally met a French doctor who could speak English fairly well. Birney was naturally asked why he had visited Paris, and of course he told of the bullet proof vest. Having got started, he couldn't stop there.

"Say, do you know I could fix the emperor's nose in less than a month," he remarked in a burst of confidence. "Yes, sir, I could improve that soldier of his at a stroke, and in three or four weeks and I wouldn't charge a cent either."

"The emperor's nose," gasped the doctor. "But what ails the emperor's nose?"

"Out of plumb, sir, and no excuse for it. All I want is three weeks' time. Can't you get me an audience with him?"

"The devil! Why, in a year you are suiting the emperor. You ought to be locked up!"

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new. May we not look for the manifestation of its ancient power, and see in ourselves and others the quickening and improving influence of this earnest summons to purity and zeal?

It is not difficult to understand Paul's meaning. He speaks in a figure, but the key to unlock the secret is found in the appeal itself. It is a metaphor of common use to the Bible. Night is the hour for bad deeds, and as bad men choose the night, good men prefer the day. "They that sleep sleep in the night, and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation." Or to speak of slumber rather than darkness, the meaning is still plain: "Sleep and sin alike suggest insensibility, illusion, inaction. Higher living, purer thinking, more generous activity, these are the expression of wakefulness. "Awake to righteousness and sin not."

In this appeal certain forms of evil come under review. Works of darkness they are called, deeds that belong to the kingdom of darkness. Gross sinners are, and such as prevail in the highest civilization in Paul's time, and such too as we might expect would affect a church new born from heathenism. So far, these sins stampers degenerate, for own time and habitation. They confront us on every hand. There is intemperance, profane of evil, nothing of many sins. Whatever we may say of indulgence in alcoholic liquors we cannot, but condemn intemperance when men tarry long at the wine, when they surrender themselves to their passions in midnight revelry and carouse they sing, "We won't go home till morning." Abstinence is a duty supported by many and strong reasons, but surely it is imperative when indulgence ends in incapacity to govern either mind or body. There is no room in the Christian life for such excess, nor place in heaven for the drunkard. Intemperance has a hell of its own. Intemperance and intemperance are twin evils. They are twin evils, they support each other, the malice of the devil starts from them. It is this vice which is the most iniquitous, pernicious, deadly in its nature to which this message is sent. I was convinced by what you say, it is a sin which is prevalent in our country to-day. It is a sin which is a curse to our nation, and here to the youth of our children, and of our youth. Oh, that there were a staff to smite a warning, against its doing. Ministry, that teaching were more faithful and general, that law could be depended upon to asseverate dignity. I supremely, that there were a conviction, and a will to come with this iniquity's impudently, as it precludes itself in vileness, and upon the streets of our towns and cities. "Keep thyself pure at least a duty

of Christ. How long have we had a name to live, and are dead? For what time possessed of a form of godliness without the power thereof? Regarding this we shall be compelled to say it is the time for fruit, it is the full season of harvest.

Looking to the age we shall see that events are hastening on and that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Salvation, when the creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God, is nearer now than ever before. The consummation of all things is at hand. The triumph, universal and complete, of King Jesus over all His foes is not far distant. Shall we be partakers of the glory about to be revealed? Shewers in this triumph? heirs of this inheritance incorruptible and undecaying?

The present time too represents the opportunity of life. Now is God's time to display His grace and manifest His power. It is the day of salvation. "The grace of God which bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." There has been the hour and power of darkness; now is the hour of light and hope. And, this for all, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. A multi-millionaire recently deceased, speaking of an institution of his founding, said: "We don't offer to give everything in the way of salvation. I don't think you can do much with the one-eyed, one-legged, blind and in the gutter. I tell you, where they ought to step over and let him go." Let us remember that, whilst there is more hope for the child than the hoary sinner, yet there is hope for all while there is life. Christ is able to save the sinner, and He promises "to give" nothing in the way of salvation. He then obey today this voice. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. I Pray to pray for the Lord to fulfil the lusts of the flesh." Awake!

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"IS MY NOSE OUT OF KICK?"

ter of war or any other official and was at last granted an audience with the emperor. It was in the war office, and several cabinet officials were present. A messenger was lying on a table, and Napoleon greeted the agent with:

"Well, sir, what about this bullet proof vest?"

"I have it here, your majesty," was the reply as the vest was held up to view.

"Put it on."

"With pleasure."

"Now go to the farther end of the room."

"Certainly, your majesty."

"Now, sir," continued the emperor as he lifted up the mallet. "I am going to fire at your breast. Are you willing to face the charges?"

"Fire away," was the reply.

"The emperor fired, and although the bullet did not penetrate the shield the force of it knocked Birney head over heels and put him out of it for the next ten minutes. Whilst it was decided that the vest was not a success, the American's nerve excited such admiration that he was given a handsome present in cash and graciously dismissed. He seemed to want to say something to Napoleon before he left the room.

"But, your majesty, I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the vest."

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"Out of plumb, sir, and no excuse for it. All I want is three weeks' time. Can't you get me an audience with him?"

"The devil! Why, no, you are in sulking the emperor! You ought to be locked up!"

"Oh, come now!" laughed Birney in a protesting way. "I never saw such people before. Can't the emperor's nose be out of plumb as well as any other man's?"

The doctor left him without even a cold bow and probably went to the police, as Birney was arrested an hour later. According to his story, he was sent to prison without a trial, and detained for a full year. Then he was taken out one day and conveyed to the war office and into the presence of Napoleon.

"Sir," said the emperor after glaring at him for awhile, "is my nose out of plumb?"

"It is as plumb as a plummet," was the ready reply.

"Does it need any fixing over?"

"Not a bit."

"And how is it with yours?"

"It's out of joint, your majesty, but I think I could follow it out of France."

"Then you may try."

And try he did, and his nose led him back to the land of the free without any lingering on the road.

"Obeying Papa."

"Stern father! Now, now, my boys! Obeying again and for a miserable little halfpenny!"

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THE GRAND SCHEMER

HE UNFOLDS A PLAN WITH MILLIONS
IN IT TO A CREDITOR.Major Crofoot Doesn't Succeed in
Convincing His Wealthy and Skep-
tical Visitor, but Does Manage to
Stand Him Off Once Again.

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As the man turned into the doorway leading up to Major Crofoot's office he had a look of determination on his face. As he ascended the well worn stairs his tread showed aggressiveness. As he banged the major's door open, and entered he had the air of a creditor who'd get his money or carry away his pound of flesh. The major was in. He sat at his desk smoking a very short stub of cigar, but as the door opened he whirled with a bland smile on his face, and, rising, with both hands held out, he exclaimed:

"Well, now, but this is truly a coincidence—a coincidence! Come right in, my dear fellow—come right in!"

"Oh, I'll come in fast enough," answered the caller as he suited the action to the words and came to a halt



AS THE WHISKEY TURNED A MOUTH ORGAN
PLAYS.

in the middle of the room. "Now, then, no more skulking and dodging. You owe me \$10,000 money, and I want it sent off the red."

"My dear Mr. Shine," said the major as he took a last puff at his stub, "you formerly had an office next door. We became acquainted. You learned that I was temporarily embarrassed, and, being me up as an honest, ambitious man, who would ultimately overcome his bad luck, you kindly forged a \$10 bill upon me one day."

"I deny it!" shouted Mr. Shine. "Why, hang it, you were annoying me every day for a month before I let you have the money, and you told me a thousand lies to get it."

"When you so kindly forced that money upon me," continued the major as he smiled and walked, "I said to myself that some day I would repay you a thousandfold. It was your trust, your confidence, in me—that touched me. I was almost unknown to you. For all you knew I might be a deadbeat. You had only your judgment to go on, but your judgment was right. This very morning I should have telegraphed you to call in."

"Oh, you are going to pay, eh?"

and what I was going to telegraph you about as you came in was the purchasing agency. We shall want a man to buy the milk and soothing sirup and see that they are pure. The salary will be at least \$15,000 per year, with perquisites thrown in. My dear man, you trusted me. This is your reward. Now, will you shake?"

"Not by a durned sight!" shouted Mr. Shine as he bobbed around. "None of this sort of rot will stand me off on my \$10. Do you want me to take it out of your hide?"

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Mr. Shine deliberately removed his coat and vest and hung them on a chair.

"Or if you want to borrow \$10 for a day or two you can have it and welcome. I'll just step out and get it for you."

The major stepped, and Mr. Shine removed his collar, tie and cuffs. Then he spat on his hands and limbered up his arms and waited. He waited for half an hour—two hours. Then he got up and redressed himself and kicked over the chairs and desk and went out. The major had stood him off once more.

M. QUINN.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Many Things of Which Its Graduates Are Ignorant.

The failure of the Sunday school as a means of giving a systematic and thorough knowledge of the Bible is evident. A teacher in a city high school asked an advanced class of 40 or 50 pupils, who had been drilled for years in the International Sunday School Lessons, how to proceed in order to reach Palestine, and not one could give the desired information. Then she asked the class in what part of the world Palestine is located, and no one knew.

That is a very good specimen of Sunday school teaching and can be paralleled anywhere by those who will take the trouble to ask a few questions. The ignorance of the Bible on the part of most persons of average intelligence is something amazing. The simplest questions will elicit no answer on the part of most such persons.

That educated persons know something about the Bible may be assumed, but not unless the training goes much beyond the standard of the common school. Again, and again it has transpired that those who were generally well informed, who were fairly well educated and regarded as bright and clever, were almost totally ignorant of the Bible. Their Sunday school training had given them no knowledge of the book that was of any value, and, however much they might have read it since, it was to them a sealed volume.

Giving Him a Rest.

The energy of one of the oldest inhabitants of a Massachusetts town is a

AFRAID OF BEING MISSED

Clever Story of a Man, a Maid and an Iron Kettle.

There is an ingenious Circassian story: A man was walking along one road and a woman along another. The roads finally united, and the man and the woman, reaching the junction at the same time, went on from there together. The man was carrying a large iron kettle on his back. In one hand he held by the leg a live chicken, in the other a cane, and he was leading a goat. Just as they were coming to a deep, dark ravine, the woman said to the man:

"I am afraid to go through that dark ravine with you. It is a lonely place, and you might overpower me and kiss me by force."

"If you are afraid of that," said the man, "you shouldn't have walked with me at all. How can I possibly overpower you and kiss you by force when I have this great iron kettle on my back, a cane in one hand and a live chicken in the other and am leading a goat? I might as well be tied hand and foot."

"Yes," replied the woman, "but if you should stick your cane in the ground and tie the goat to it and turn the kettle bottom side up and put the chicken under it, then you might wickedly kiss me in spite of my resistance."

"Success to thy ingenuity, O woman!" said the man to himself. "I should never have thought of this expedient." And when they came to the ravine he stuck his cane into the ground and tied the goat to it, gave the chicken to the woman, saying, "Hold it while I cut some grass for the goat," and then, lowering the kettle from his shoulders, he wickedly kissed the woman, as she was afraid he would.—Scray Stories.

THE UNTOLD.

Why Mrs. Cavil Failed to Be Informed by Her Husband.

"I didn't tell you, did I, Mildred," said Mr. Cavil to his wife, "that I saw your sister Jane down town this day week?"

"No, you didn't, Charles Augustus Cavil," replied Mrs. Cavil. "Why didn't you?"

"Well, you see?"

"Yes, I see. You meet the only sister I have in the world, and instead of coming straight home and telling me about it the same day, as any respectable husband would have done, you keep the matter secret a whole week and then ask me, 'how is your sister?'"

"But, my dear,"

"Isn't but me, Charles Augustus Cavil. I have no doubt that she sent me a message by you and you not only failed to deliver it, but by this time you have forgotten what it was about. Tell me if this isn't the case."

"My dear, it was this way."

"Don't tell me it was that way, Charles Augustus Cavil. I know exactly how it was. You simply didn't care a straw whether I knew that you had seen Sister Jane or not or you would not have waited a whole week to tell me you had seen her."

"But I didn't say I saw her," Mr. Cavil said at length.

"Then you didn't see her," Mrs. Cavil said at length.

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If you have goods to sell let the people know about it and your chances of success are almost certain. The big stores long ago recognized this fact, and to this is due their remarkable growth.

as he smiled and walked. "I said to myself that some day I would repay you a thousandfold. It was your trust, your confidence, in me that touched me. I was almost unknown to you. For all you knew I might be a dead man. But had only your judgment to go on. But your judgment was right. This very morning I should have telegraphed you to call in."

"Oh, you are going to pay, eh?" "Major Crofoot always pays his debts, sir, and in some cases he returns \$100 for \$1. It will be so in this case. I could have paid you back long ago, but was willing to make it a recognizable occasion for you. The time has arrived. My dear fellow, let us shake hands."

"What for? You owe me \$10. You say you are going to pay it. I don't see the object of shaking hands."

"Yes, you truly cast your bread upon the waters," said the major as he paced the width of the room and looked into vacancy, "and I am pleased that your returns will be so great. Do you know I love a man who trusts to my honor and integrity? Let a man show his confidence in me, and I would sell my shirt for him. Yes, you kindly forced \$10 upon me, and—"

"And now, you kindly force it back again," interrupted Mr. Shyne. "It's no use dodging old man. I'm here for my money and am going to have it."

"My dear fellow, you are one of the few who trusted to my integrity when I was down on my luck, and I therefore pass over my hard words now. You have heard of the Great American Combination Baby Carriage company, have you?"

"No, sir?" "Because it is just being incorporated and we are taking the greatest care not to let anything get out until we are ready. My own creation, sir, and the biggest thing of the decade. If we don't make a million dollars out of it the first year, I shall be more than surprised. I wouldn't take half a million in cash for my chances."

"That's all blarney nonsense," shouted Mr. Shyne as he began to bristle up. "I know you, you old soft sooper. You want to dodge that \$10, but I'll have it before I leave."

"My own inventive idea, as I told you, and it will astonish the world. The baby carriage can be changed into a cradle, a hammock or a sled by means of a lever. Good for summer or winter, you see. Is provided with a sturdy milk bottle, a whistle and a rattlebox. Has an ice chest and a soothing syrup department. As the wheels turn a mouth organ plays. Provided with a patent brake, rubber tires and a mothproof cover; also has revolving fans to keep the flies away. After the baby gets out of long dresses she can use the carriage as a bicycle. That's the invention, Mr. Shyne. Organized on a capital of \$750,000, and shares to be sold at par. There's more than millions in it."

"I don't care a rap if there is. What I want is my \$10, and I'll give you just five minutes to shell out."

"I was going to offer you the secretaryship," softly observed the major, "but the salary will be only ten thousand a year. What I shall offer you

Giving Him a Rest.

The energy of one of the oldest inhabitants of a Massachusetts town is a byword among his neighbors and a trial to his grandchildren, who have not inherited their full share of his active temper.

His grandson John in particular suffers from the old man's untiring industry, for John is his assistant in the little grocery shop, where everything, from codfish to brooms, may be found. A purchaser of pinnerships lingered one day to hear the nighttime address delivered to poor John by his grandfather.

"Now, Johnny, I'm a-going home for my dinner," said the old man briskly, "and on the way I'll carry up these palls to Miss Manson and fetch back her kerosene can. I shall be gone up 'ards of half an hour. You'll have plenty of time to eat your luncheon, and while you're resting after that I wish you'd saw up that little mess of wood that lays out by the back door and split it up for stove kindling, for the weather's turning sharp already."

"Most likely I'll be back 'fore you get out of work, and anyways I don't want to keep you at it all the time, so if there's a few extra minutes jest set down and make out a bill or two. The fust of the month'll be upon us 'fore we know it."—Youth's Companion.

Helping the Enemy.

A coal heaver was getting in a load of coal in the suburbs of London. He was shoveling in the coals at a good rate when he was startled by a terrific yell from the house adjoining.

"Wat the dickens is the matter?" queried the coalman, starting up.

A disheveled looking individual made his appearance at the door.

"Matter, you thickhead!" shouted the man, frantically endeavoring to pull his hair up in clots by the roots. "You are putting the coal down the wrong hole. (My wife's people live there)." —John T. Hitt.

His Limit.

"I'm getting along," said Mr. Comstock. "I'm progressing slowly, but surely."

"In what?" "Culture. I've been traveling around with Mrs. C. and the girls until I'm getting right refined. But there's one thing I don't think I'll achieve. I don't believe I'll ever be able to go into an antique store and tell the difference between hie-abrac and junk."

"Opportunity" once signified nothing more than "to be at the barbor." An opportunity ship was a ship which had come to port.

Russia in Europe has a forest area of about 500,000,000 acres. One-third of the country indeed is forest.

"My dear, it was this way—"
"Don't tell me it was that way," Charles Augustus Cavil, I know exactly how it was. You simply didn't care a straw whether I knew that you had seen Sister Jane or not or you would not have waited a whole week to tell me you had seen her."

"But I didn't say I saw her," Mr. Cavil said at length.

"Then I'd like to know what you did say," Charles Augustus Cavil.

"I asked you if I told you that I saw her," explained Mr. Cavil.

"Well, why didn't you tell me?"

"The reason I didn't tell you was because I didn't see her; that's all."

Mrs. Cavil gasped and was speechless.

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limited. You will be offered for sale with the approbation of Thomas W. Chapelle Esquire, the Local Master at Rat Portage, by R. J. Parrott, Auctioneer at the Hilliard House in the town of Rat Portage at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday the fifth day of December, 1900, all and singular, that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the said District of Rainy River and described as follows: Mining Location G411 described as part of parcel No. 1742 leasehold in the Register for the District of Rainy River.

The property is known as the Cracker Jack Mine, and is said to have undergone considerable development.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid. The purchaser shall pay ten per cent. of his purchase money at the time of sale to the vendors, or their solicitors, and the balance in thirty days thereafter into Court to the credit of this Action.

The vendors will only be required to produce such Certificates, deeds or copies thereof, or other evidences of title as are in their possession.

In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of this court.

Further particulars may be had from Thomas R. Ferguson, Vendors solicitor, Rat Portage, or from

THOMAS W. CHAPPELLE,

Local Master, Rat Portage.

Dated at Rat Portage this 29th day of October, A.D. 1900. 2-10-30th

The above Sale is postponed until the 5th day of February, 1901, at the same hour and place.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of Christopher Ous, late of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Miner, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897," Chapter 123, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Christopher Ous, who died on or about the 23rd day of January, A.D. 1900, are required, on or before the 10th day of January, A.D. 1901, to send by post prepaid or delivered to Thomas R. Ferguson, Esq., of the Town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, Solicitor for Peter Johnson, administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of these securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 6th day of December, A.D. 1900.

THOMAS R. FERGUSON,

Solicitor for the administrator of the estate of Christopher Ous, deceased.



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RAT PORTAGE, ONT., JAN. 18, 1901

THE TOWN COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new council was held on Monday evening. All councillors were present and in the absence of Mayor Cameron, councillor Brydon took the chair.

The report of the clerk re the elections was received and accepted.

Communications were received from the following: L.V. Percival, J. Ross Robertson, J.E. Schwartz, John Kay, G.A. Stinson W. Walker.

The petition of freeholders for sewer on Kewatin and East Third st. was laid on the table till next meeting.

The action of John Kay, chairman Board of Health in quarantining a house with diphtheria in Norman was confirmed.

Coun. Chadwick contended that in cases of contagious diseases that a training nurse or nurses be employed instead of special constables but a no to that effect was lost.

The council then went into a committee of the whole, with Coun. Hudson in the chair, for the purpose of striking the standing committees of the year with the following result:

Finance—Couns. Brydon, Cameron, Belyea and Chadwick, chairman.

Board of Works—Couns. Belyea, Horswill, Chadwick, and Hudson, chairman.

Fire, Water and Light—Couns. Cameron, Chadwick, Brydon, and Horswill, chairman.

Police and By-Laws—Couns. Hudson, Horswill, Brydon and Belyea, chairman.

Court of Revision—Mayor Cameron, Couns. Horswill, Cameron, Brydon, Hudson, and Belyea.

John Kay and A. McQuarrie were appointed members of the Board of Health for three years.

be appointed a committee to look into the general management of the municipality and generally to make such recommendations in the interest of the town of Rat Portage.

The report of the chief of the fire brigade was received and referred to the fire, water and light committee.

The clerk was instructed to furnish a list of all officials of water commissioners' office, with the salaries payable to such officials and also a statement of assets and liabilities of the waterworks commissioners.

On motion of Couns. Brydon and Belyea a reward of \$25 will be offered for the conviction of any person or persons ringing the fire alarm.

The board of works was instructed to have town team clean off snow from streets.

The mayor was requested to call a meeting of all members of the council to consider the advisability of consolidating the debt of the town.

Coun. Brydon gave notice of by-law for the collection of a special tax on property past which water mains run.

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Coun. Hudson gave notice of a by-law to appoint officials.

The by-law for raising \$40,000 for current expenses got its three readings and finally passed.

The by-law to remove water commissioners, sanctioned by the people, was finally passed.

A warrant was ordered to be issued in favor of G. P. Phillips for \$20, part payment on lot purchased from him.

Mr. Cameron, the genial hustler of the B. & C. Co. was in town this week.

Bob Armstrong of Fort William was in town this week.

Joe, Benigno returned from Port Arthur Wednesday.

J. A. Bryson of Montreal is registered at the Hilliard.

Tom Lock of Lock Bros. Winnipeg was in town this week.

Geo. Eving, well known in lacrosse circles here, played with the Victorias against Portage la Prairie Wednesday.

George McGregor of the Ontario Powder Co. returned from his trip on Sunday morning.

La Grippe's Victims

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Boston Journal.

THE NEWS FROM ENO.

An Agricultural Society Organized and Officers Appointed.

Eno, Jan. 10th, 1901.—Yesterday the "Eno Agricultural Society" was organized under the provisions of the agricultural and Arts act, of Ontario. The following officers were elected: President, Alex. Locking, Eno; 1st Vice-Pres., E.A. Boucher, 2nd Vice-Pres., F.W. Stuart, Fort Frances; Board of Directors, Capt. Lewis, Rat Portage; T. J. Boucher, Poundageville; J.L. Locking, Lockington; G. Strachan, Big Forks; A. Hoover, Barwick; Ed. Tompkins, T. Shortreed, C. Driffield, Wm. Cooper, Eno; Auditors: Dr. F.H. Benthine, M. Cuthbert, Secretary, J.M. Dougherty, Eno.

This is the first agricultural society to be formed in the Rainy River district and it starts out under very promising circumstances, with a membership of over sixty, which will no doubt be increased to two hundred or more by spring. It is situated in one of the best sections of Ontario, and with loyal support should become a very thriving institution. The first officers are all enterprising gentlemen and is a guarantee of its success.

The following gentlemen have been elected: Eno township council for this year: R. Royce, C. R. Langstaff; council: S. H. and T. Shortreed, L. Lundy and C. F. Eno.

The Canadian Pacific Railway are now running a survey for a line from Eno to the Lake Umbagog mining belt, and it is expected that a line will be built in the spring. The survey will be the purpose of carrying out the projects of the mines.

Eno-Bryon is a long express messenger. He has been this week, Mr. Bryon being called to his room with a severe attack of rheumatism.

G. B. DeFuelle, our local affix, on leave for a skating tour to Norway. He has been developing his skill this winter and is in good form to tackle the big ones in Montreal, St. Paul and Minneapolis. We trust that he will return with a few good wins on his belt.

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Every man or woman whose nervous strength is overtaxed, should try the invigorating and vitalizing efforts of Paine's Celery Compound, the use of the first bottle will show wonderful and encouraging result.

Telegraph to Minneapolis

A telegraph line has been completed

Rubber Bargains.



It's no trick to get cheap rubbers. They are everywhere.

When the market is flooded every fall with the imperfect product of the rubber factories, sold at auction—

Then the cheap man buys his 69c-rubbers, and the wearer—well, he buys them as often as they wear out.

In the long run he pays three times as much, gets a poorer rubber service, and ruins his shoes because the cheap, ill-fitting rubbers chafe and spoil them.

Knowing these things, is there an intelligent man who would not pay

A dollar for the Branded on the sole

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Second Meeting.
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Councillor Brydon rose and congratulated the mayor on his election, and the town, on having as chief magistrate a man whose ability was unquestioned, and who would be a source of strength to their deliberations. He also hoped that the utmost harmony would exist in all the work of the present council.

Mayor Cameron said he had no lengthy message to deliver to the council, but remarked that he was pleased to preside over such an intelligent council, and hoped that they would leave behind them a record which would be a credit to them. He hoped that nothing would be disturbed through in the absence of any member that would not have the approval of the whole council. He believed that if they all worked harmoniously together they would be able to place the affairs of the town in a splendid condition.

The election of H. Eager as Chief of Fire Department for 1901 was confirmed.

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Mr. C. E. Johnson is about 28 years old, a gold miner by occupation, is well known about the mining camps in these parts and is thoroughly posted in his business. Not long since Mr. Johnson came to be in Porter's drug store, in Bridgewater, when a case of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was being opened, and he remarked to the clerk, "I saw the time when a dozen boxes of those pills were of more value to me than the best gold mine in the country." A reporter of the Enterprise happened to hear Mr. Johnson's rather startling remark and asked him why he spoke so highly of the pills. Mr. Johnson's statement was as follows: "About four years ago I was attacked with a gripe which kept me from work about three weeks. I did not have it very hard apparently, but it left me weak all the same. Anyhow, after losing three weeks I concluded to go to work again. The same I was working in was making a good deal of water and I got wet the first day. That night the old trouble came back, with the addition of a severe cold. I managed to get rid of the cold, but the whole force of the disease settled in my stomach, kidneys and joints, and boils broke out on my body and limbs. My back was so weak I could scarcely stand alone, while food in every form distressed me, and I became so nervous that my usual noise would now become me. I tried several sorts of medicines, but none seemed to do any good. I next went to a doctor. His medicine helped me at first, but after a short time I lost all hope. He then changed the medicine, but with no better result. About this time a clergyman who called at the house advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I got a box and used them, but they did not materially benefit me. I had now been some weeks ill and was feeling desperate. A friend strongly advised me to go to a hospital for treatment and I had just about decided to do so, when an acquaintance learning I had taken but one box of the pills suggested that I should try three boxes more before giving them up. The matter of money decided me, as I was trying the pills again. I got a dozen boxes and used them quite continuously. I could not figure out how much I had spent, but I was all up and down again. As the pills were doing a good deal, however, I sent for a little more. I continued using them until all were gone, when I felt that I was sure to be better. All my stomach trouble had disappeared, I was fifty as I was before the first attack of my gripe, my nerves were so strong as ever, and I knew that work would give strength to my muscles. So after about six months, I went to work again and have not had a sick day since. One dozen boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life and gave me better health than I had before, and that is why I said they were worth more to me than any gold mine, for that is a man has he will give for his life."

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Dated at Rat Portage this 8th day of January, 1901.
W. H. MCNEIL, Sheriff.



Chums.
The young couple always together before marriage never keep up their happy intimacy as man and wife. They are not tired of each other, but the young wife finds herself weak and languid, with no inclination for exercise. And thus begins a division of pursuits and interests which often ends in divided lives. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong. It stops the drains which undermine the strength, cures "female weakness," nourishes the nerves and gives vigor to the whole body. There is neither opium, cocaine or other narcotic in "Favorite Prescription." "I suffered from female weakness about eight years—tried several doctors, but did not get better until I began using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. John Green, of Danville, Ind. "This medicine recommended to me by a doctor cured me. I have taken six bottles, and I feel like a new person." Price, Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, 15 cents on receipt of stamps, to cover postage and handling charges. Sent by mail for 25 cents. Address: Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE RAT PORTAGE THISTLES WIN AGAIN

Fast Playing in First Half—
Second Half Very Rough
—Score, 5 to 2.

The scheduled match between Brandon and Rat Portage teams on Saturday night was not a good exhibition of hockey. The first half was comparatively free from rough play, but the last half could be better termed a slugging match. The ice was very heavy and fast hockey was not expected.

Long before time was called, all available standing room was utilized by enthusiastic spectators. The game commenced at 7:30. From the face off McGimsie got the puck, passed to Fraser, who led it past Brandon cover point, passed to Hilliard, who succeeded in scoring the first goal for Rat Portage. Time 1 min.

The second game opened with rush on Rat Portage goal. An off-side was made directly in front of the goal, but Brandon failed to score. The disc was taken away toward Brandon territory, but Tommy Elford for some time there was a bit of center play, neither side having the advantage, till McGimsie secured the puck, passed to Fraser, who by a long shot scored goal No. 2 for the home team. Time 2 min.

Then Brandon made a good rush on the home goal, but were checked by Phillips who lifted and the home forwards rushed down on Brandon goal. A scrimmage took place in the goal and the puck was shot out but Phillips secured it and tallied goal No. 3 for the Thistles. Time 2 min.

The next game was somewhat longer than the rest: off-ides occurring frequently. Brandon forwards secured the puck, passed it for goal, the goalie hit his hand, but withdrew his hand, and the puck had been shot down. This caused a "time-out" for 1 min. but Fraser scored and after a good play, Brandon again scored. Time 11 min.

The game became rough and heavy. A "time-out" was much prevalent then. Nicklin, of the Brandon team, was hit, causing a delay of 10 minutes. After this time replaced him. The home forwards took a rush and shot and scored. The goal was hit in center of the net. The ball struck the half-time.

In the second half Brandon pushed with the puck at the goal. After a few minutes the puck was shot out.

did not need a side of a car to guard his goal. The teams lined up as follows:

		Rat Portage
Bradon	Goal	Dulmage
Morrison	Point	Johnson
Wheeldon	Cover Point	Phillips
Hannay		Hooper
Fleming	Forwards	McGimsie
Hall		Fraser
Nicklin		Hilliard
Bennett		

The games were scored as follows:—

Goal.	Team.	Time.
1	Rat Portage	1 min
2	"	7 min
3	"	2 min
4	"	11 min
5	Second Half, Brandon	14 min
6	"	2 min
7	Rat Portage	19 min

Mr. Manning, of the Senior Winnipeg, acted as referee; A. M. Rose and S. Griffin, Jr. as umpires.

NOTES.

After the match a supper was provided at the Hilliard House for the visitors, by the home team, and a number of hockey enthusiasts were present, and speeches, and songs accompanied by Hanson's orchestra, were indulged in, and the Brandon lads appreciated the kindness fully.

The spectators in the rink Saturday night have shown the visitors a more encouraging effort when a good play attended the efforts of the Brandon's. It is hoped that clever play is as deserving of praise whether found at home or abroad.

The Carberry hockeyist were defeated on their own ice last Friday night, by a score of 8 to 5, by the Portage la Prairie team.

The Winnipeg of Winnipeg, defeated the Brandon seven at the Auditorium Rink last Monday evening by a score of 10 to 2. Bennett, of the Brandon team got a severe cut over the eye which will perhaps prove serious.

The Victorias, of Winnipeg, defeated Portage la Prairie, Wednesday by a score of 4 to 3. The match was a tie at the end of the time allowed, and extra time was therefore given during which the Victorias scored the winning goal.

The Rat Portage Thistles have Sunday morning for the week. They play three games while away. Portage la Prairie Monday night, Brandon on Wednesday and Carberry on Friday they return Saturday night. The team, as decided on by the committee is as follows: Goal, Dulmage; Point, Johnson; C. Point, Phillips; Forward, Hooper, Fraser, McGimsie and Hilliard, and B. Bennett as spare man. Jos. Johnson will accompany the team as manager. It is hoped our boys will play as well away as they do at home. If they do there is no doubt as to who the intermediate champions will be this year.

The Thistles of the Thistles, who

THE Peoples Forum

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed by our correspondents. All letters must be accompanied with name of writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

"The Master Christian."

ROLAND, Man., Dec. 21, 1900.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir,—Re an article appearing in a late issue of your paper, on the above subject, permit me to ask the good sister critic a few questions which the polemic character of her declaration, apparently indicate her ability and anxiety to decide.

1. What reason had she for attempting to criticise "The Master Christian" when she never attempts to deny, nor even makes an effort to disprove the damning statements made by the author?

2. The sister says this is an attack on "our holy religion." Wherein does the attack consist? This book is fiction. If it is not true of the Roman Catholic church, then that is not the church referred to. Why did the good sister not prove this to the unlettered readers of her enthusiastic pen, then with minds of tranquillity we might look from our righteousness to the unrighteous, where the parable applies?

3. In your huge worded paragraph you never mention THE Master Christian, whom Marie Corelli has staked her brilliant reputation against the Christless church, to vindicate. You defend the church; she defends Christ. You say it is "grossly calumniated, misrepresented and malignant" but using your own choice literary epithets, which of course indicate higher literary attainments, Marie Corelli is saying that the "holy church," which you contend is sacred, is calumniating, misrepresenting and maligning Jesus Christ. The Master Christian, and Christ us everywhere, should be ready to say, Sink name, sink religion, sink church, but let Christ rise. Why did you not give a little evidence to prove that the church is sincerely living Christ?

4. Has the sister, whose abilities are so much superior to the famous author, no word to defend and hearken reputation for to deny that the church does repeat no word of defence for crying priests, or admitting the frailty of man, a word to clear the skirts of the church from the mistakes and wickedness of her ordained?

5. Is THE Master Christian, with words of scripture on his lips, and the love of humanity in his heart, with words of bitter denunciation, standing before the lawyers and the doctors, for Christ, or is it a figment of a mighty mistaken brain?

6. Does the sister still cling to the Jesuit fathers that Ignatius Loyola

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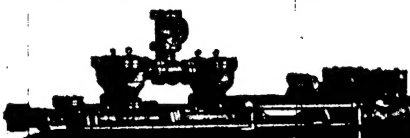
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In the days of the lance and the spur,
When the hero went forth to the fight,
Oh, he carried a token from her
Whom he worshipped as lover and knight,
And when he was sure of the battle around,
And when close pressed the mercurial foe,
Tossing token that drove off despair,
And gave victory's strength to his blow.

Not a hero of knighthood am I,
But a warrior in industry's strife,
Where the lance that I wield is my pen,
And the lady I serve is my wife,
Yet a token I carry each day,
Full as precious as any of yore,
And it stouts my heart for the fray,
'Tis my love's morning kiss at the door.

For his faith will the battle endure,
By the sunset the artist's inspired;
At the blast of the bugle and file
Is the soldier to gallantly fired,
But whatever may others exalt,
For myself I shall ask nothing more
As a prompter to willing deeds,
Than the kiss that I get at the door.

—E. W. Gray in Newark Advertiser.

THE STOLEN MODEL

How the Man of a Torpedo Destroyer
Was Carried for the Russian Government.

"Read this, Valini," said the dock yard chief, handing me an official communication from the minister of marine. It read:

"I have received positive information that the Russian government has, in some way obtained possession of the secret of the new torpedo destroyer model No. 7912 and is building according to our model. Please make every inquiry immediately to find out how the plan of the model has come into its possession. You have full authority to adopt all necessary means. Need I express the importance of discovering the leakage?"

"It is impossible," I said. "No one has seen the model except you and me and the members of the council unless, indeed, the inventor has driven a double barrel or some one has obtained a copy of the model from his workshop."

"I have thought of that," said the chief, "but I think that solution very unlikely. He will probably be here in a few minutes."

"What about the ministers? Could there be any leakage from the council?" I queried.

"I would rather you would suggest that than that I should," he replied dryly. "No, my dear Valini, the responsibility rests on your shoulders and mine, and we must clear ourselves at all costs."

"At this moment Brazier, the inventor, entered the room."

"You have seen the model," he said shortly.

"The matter is important," said the chief, "has a foreign government no matter which has managed to obtain a copy of your model No. 7912?"

"What, the torpedo destroyer?" exclaimed Brazier.

"We want to know who has access to your models inside yourself," said the chief.

"No one, I am not a fool. I trust no one. I speak to no one when there is a whispering hand till I hand it to the government for consideration. No one."

great new invention to show to the ministry. But come armed."

On the next day, when the train entered the station, the chief, Brazier (who carried a red leather case and I took seats in the corner of the smoking compartment of the car. As soon as the train started a large, burly looking man came in and joined us.

He had a large black leather suit case in one hand, which he carried by a handle from the center of which rose a little brass knob like a mount. In the other hand he carried a heavy stick. As he sat down Brazier touched his revolver pocket, making a sign to us to be on the alert.

The stranger placed his suit case beside our red case, and we noticed that never once did he take his hand off the handle or remove his fingers from the brass knob in the center.

"Brazier leaned over to us and whispered:

"He steals my models by the Roentgen rays. Mon Dieu, is he not clever? Be ready when I say: 'Now.'"

Whether the stranger heard the words or not I do not know; but, anyhow, he was startled by seeing Brazier whisper to us and sprang to his feet, bringing his stick to the "payant" charge, as if to thrust with it at any one who attempted to approach him.

The chief had his hand on his revolver when the stranger sprang up and, on the instant, covered him with it. Like lightning he struck the revolver with the stick. It burst with a tremendous explosion, shattering the chief's hand and covering me and Brazier with fragments of broken window glass.

When the smoke cleared, we found that the stranger had taken advantage of the confusion, thrown open the carriage door and jumped for his liberty, leaving the suit case behind. We found afterward that it contained a most ingenious variation of the Roentgen apparatus, which would enable a clever mechanic to obtain the working details of any model by photography. The instrument is now in the bureau of the ministry. The stranger we never heard of again, so we assumed he was lucky in his jump and escaped.

The only one who suffered much was our beloved chief, who has never completely recovered from the shock and the operation that followed his share in the discovery of how model No. 7912 was stolen. — St. Louis Star.

Confucius.

Confucius calls himself a transmitter only, not a maker, believing in and loving the ancients. When speaking of himself, he says: "At 15 I had my mind bent on learning; at 30 I stood firm; at 40 I had no doubts; at 50 I knew the decrees of heaven; at 60 my ear was an obedient organ for the reception of truth; at 70 I could follow what my heart desired without transgressing what was right."

Confucius died in 478 B. C., complaining that among all the princes of the empire there was not one who had adopted his principles, not one who would obey his lessons. This shows, what is, in fact, confirmed from other sources—that he himself was not an active reformer, so that while alive he scarcely produced a ripple on the smooth and silent surface of the republic, though he was the most famous

FIGURES AND EYES.

An Indication of Advancing Age That Admits of No Compromise.

"As we grow older," remarked the man who was doing that at the rate of a week every seven days, "we begin to observe that we seem to need more light when we read or that the print of the newspaper that we have been reading with ease for ever so many years is not quite as good as it used to be, or that we can distinguish the letters of a little better if we hold them farther away than usual, but we are very slow indeed to observe that the real cause of it is that we are growing old, and we rather resent the suggestion of some kindly friend that we need glasses."

"We resent glasses especially because they are the visible sign of our weakness, and all the world may know by them what we fondly think they have not yet discovered—to wit, that our eyesight is failing; I am that way myself, or was, and I stood the glasses off as long as I could, and reply I could get along very well reading almost any type. Of course, I could not make out every letter, but I could get enough to complete the word, and oftentimes I could supply whole words that were indistinct by the sense of what I was reading."

"But it was the figures that got me down at last. Ah, those figures! There is no context there, and when I saw dates or numerals of any kind the blur of the years shut out all their outlines, and to save me I could not tell what was before me. I made mistakes so often in reading aloud to my wife that she would laugh at me, though she never caught me on the letters, not withstanding many was the time I guessed at about half I was reading. But figures would not stand any fooling like that, and at last I acknowledged that it wasn't the type or the paper or the light or anything of that sort and got myself a pair of glasses. Now I can tell a figure as well as a letter, and I discover they are printed quite as plainly as ever, though I was sure they were blurred before."

ROSE TO THE OCCASION.

The American Girl, as Usual, Managed to Win the Trick.

A man who is back from a visit to Paris and Germany—telling a story which ought to make the great American eagle flap his wings with pride. It happened at a high railway station in Germany, Gruenewald by name, while the man who tells about it was waiting for a train on a branch line which connects with the main line at that place. Besides himself there were at the station a party of American tourists of the kind you read about in English books and an English family of the kind you read about in American books. The Americans were loud voiced and ungrammatical. They laughed a great deal and they ate peaches, the stones of which they threw at a post to test their marksmanship. They were persons for whom Uncle Sam himself would have felt apologetic, and they displeased the haughty British waterfamilies greatly. To the younger members of her family, a

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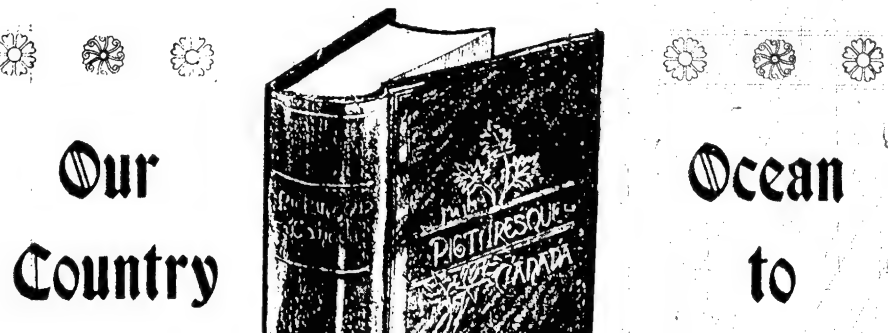
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"You have sent for me," he said shortly.

"The matter is very important," said the chief, "as a foreign government has made a copy of your model No. 112."

"What, the tripod?" asked the chief.

"We want to know who has access to our models," said the chief.

"No one. I am not a fool. I trust no one. I speak to no one when there is a work on hand till I hand it to the government for consideration. No one touches the model but myself. Every model up to the present time that I have submitted has been made completely from first to last by myself."

"Could any one enter your workshop," queried the chief, "without your knowledge?"

"Certainly not," he replied decidedly.

"It would be quite impossible. The room in which I work is on the ground floor and built of solid stone, with a concrete foundation."

"How is the room entered?" asked the chief.

"There is only one approach to it, through an iron door which opens into my sleeping room, and if the doors are opened it would disturb electric bells over my head. So you see, my dear friends, I do not sell secrets without taking care that they shall not become public property. No, no; the secret did not come from me, my friends. It must have been stolen from you."

"The model might have been sold on the double," remarked the chief.

Brazier drew himself up and said:

"You are an honorable man, and your friend here is an honorable man, but you are, fortunately, not the only honorable men that this country possesses."

The examination of Brazier's workshop only confirmed his view in every point, and there could be no question of the secret of the model having been discovered or got at surreptitiously without the complicity of the artist himself.

He then called on the master of the mine and, having told him the details of our search, offered to hand in our resignations with our official reports on the search.

"I should not accept them," he said kindly. "This particular matter is, after all, of great importance, only that we may detect the leakage, and I leave the matter in your hands, gentlemen. Keep your eyes and ears open and," he added, with a dry smile, "don't give up the search."

Three months had elapsed and had been fruitless when one day Brazier was announced. He came into the chief's room, his face furrowed with thought, but with a triumphant gleam in his eyes.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I have made many experiments to try to find out how my model was stolen. At last I am near success."

"How?" we both queried simultaneously.

"Gently, gently, my dear sirs. It has taken me three months' hard work and anxious thought to get on the track. Now is the time to act. No; no questions now, but come with me in the train tomorrow, for every one in the town knows that tomorrow I bring my

model to the place. Besides himself there were at the station a party of American tourists of the kind you read about in English books and in an English family of the kind you read about in American books. The Americans were loud voiced and ungrammatical. They laughed a great deal and they ate peaches, the stones of which they threw at a post to test their marksmanship. They were persons for whom Uncle Sam himself would have felt apologetic, and they displeased the haughty British matrifamilias greatly. To the younger members of her family, a gawky boy and a lanky and "leggy" girl of the typical elongated English variety—they were objects of great interest, however, and the girl in particular edged nearer and nearer, to her mother's great disgust. At last she was so near that mamma could endure it no longer.

"Clara!" she called in her loudest voice, "come away at once. You might be mistaken for one of those disgusting Americans!"

A pretty young American looked up and swept Clara from head to foot with a calm glance. Then she went on eating peaches.

"Don't worry, madam," she called out cheerily. "There's no danger of that—with them feet!"

He Despised Tobacco.

The healthful or reverse action of tobacco has been an absorbing question for decades and one hard to settle. Emerson, cautious as he was, was once drawn into a discussion on the subject and, being a nonuser of the weed, was an ardent advocate of its abolition as a marketable commodity.

"Did you ever think about the logic of stimulants?" he asked. "Nature supplies her own. It is astonishing what she will do if you give her a chance. In how short a time the gentle excitation of a cup of tea is needed! Conversation is an excitant, and the series of intoxications it creates is healthful. But tobacco, tobacco—what rude crowbar is that with which to pry into the delicate tissues of the brain!"

A Bold Defense.

"An enlisted man once put the president of a court martial in a difficult position," says a writer in Cassell's Magazine. "The court martial was trying the soldier for some fault or other. When the evidence—and it took an unusually long time—had been given, the president asked the prisoner if he had anything to say in his defense.

"Well, sir," said the man, "I can't see how this 'ere court can sentence me, for Major Jones 'as been reading a paper under the table the 'ole blooming time, and Captain Smith 'as been making me into a caricature on the blip-ting pad, and as for Lieutenant Brown, he 'asn't 'ad his commission a year, and don't count anyways!"

Powers of Endurance.

"When my grandfather was a young man," said the boy with a snub nose, "he could run ten miles without stopping."

"I heard my grandfather make a prayer 25 minutes long once at a prayer meeting," responded the boy with the dirty face, "and it didn't leave him."


Chicago Tribune.

The Highest Art.

The word "artistic" has been so misapplied that the majority of people suppose it means something rather disorderly and haphazard. How often literature gives us the prime, precise maiden aunt, with her narrow, intense love of exact outline, and the art loving niece, all on fire with raptures over "color harmonies" and contempt for everything which is not picturesque! Let us give our sympathy, however, to the decided aunt. Craze for color is a lower degree of the sense of beauty than appreciation of symmetrical arrangement. Sculpture is a finer achievement of the intellect than painting. Savages and ignorant children can take pleasure in color display, but only an educated mind is moved through effects of form.

Florence Hull Winterburn in Woman and Home Companion.

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And one scarce knows if in the upper air
Is cloud or starshine or the moonlight fair,
To the play the merry players go,
To see the mimic craft, in mimic show,
Life with its passionate joy and dull despair.

And yet you need not pass the playhouse doors
To gaze on comedy, let it were
You urchin capers with absurd grimace!
And if you mark the human food that peeps
In billows by you, ere you are aware,
You will meet grimly tragedy face to face!

—Clinton Scollard in Smart Set.

AN ISLE
OF GOLD.

But It Was Believed That
a Curse Rested Upon It.

One day in 1877 a carpenter stopped at Panama on his way home from California, where he had earned a fair measure of success in the goldfields. In each place they are not discriminating as regards the acquaintances they make, and he fell in with a couple of rough looking sailors who had deserted from a whaler that put into port for provisions.

One evening, upon learning that he was a miner and therefore familiar with metals, they showed him a strong bag filled with some hard substance, which they asked him to examine and pronounce judgment upon.

"He examined the contents, which he found to be gold of the finest quality, whereupon, after first making an oath of strict secrecy, they told him that shortly before arriving at Panama their ship had reached an island to take in water. The decks were rafted ashore and quickly filled, the ship meanwhile standing off and on.

While waiting for the ship to stand in these two sailors strolled along the beach for about two miles until they came to a place where a ravine or water course came down from a high mountain, passed under a natural stone arch and emptied into the sea. Here they noticed that the sand of the beach was filled with a number of shining particles resembling gold and that the crannies or seams of the water course also seemed full of it. Not sure whether it was gold, they gathered a handful each and returned to their steps to the boat, saying nothing, however, to their companions of the discovery.

Here, as shared by the carpenter that they had discovered genuine gold, the sailors, as he said that the three of them should start in a small vessel and return to the island. The day was agreed to at once. A vessel was purchased and six or eight more men were induced to join the expedition.

There were so few men available that they had to take such as they could get, and they got as precious a lot of men as they ever went unbailed. There were two big negroes, a white looking Spaniard who could not be trusted out of sight, a bunch of half-breed looking fellows who it was generally believed, was an unusual

whole cabin was in a blaze. Without trying to save the vessel they rushed to the single boat remaining, leaving one man dead in the companionway and another severely wounded on deck. Thus all the stores and tools were burned, together with the poor wounded wretch on deck.

The next morning a party set out to explore the island and soon found a simple minded old German on the opposite side who lived all by himself—a sort of Robinson Crusoe life—tilled a little soil and kept a couple of fishing boats. That night some of the more desperate spirits of the party proposed that they should steal one of the old German's boats, sail to the mainland seize a small vessel and bring it back to the island with more provisions and tools.

The carpenter and the sailor who had joined him the night before tried to dissuade them from putting the plan into execution, but they persisted and sailed away the next day.

In about two weeks the sailboat hove in sight, and when she was beached an emaciated, wounded wretch crawled out, the sole survivor of the crew that had sailed away so confidently two weeks before.

Before he died he told how the pirates had succeeded in reaching the coast safely and with little difficulty, and found a small vessel suited to their purpose.

They tried to get away with it in the night, but the owner discovered them and attempted to interfere, with the result that he paid for his vigilance with a knife slash which settled him in a minute. But the pirates did not get far away before they were overhauled, taken back to port, and every one of them was hanged, except the teller of the tale, who had escaped, but had been mortally wounded in doing so.

The carpenter and the sailor prospected daily about the ravine and the beach, but, having nothing except their knives with which to work, they made little progress. Still they picked out of the crannies a considerable amount of gold.

One day they borrowed a hatchet from the old German and penetrated the ravine which ran up the side of one of the mountains. Some distance up the slope they cleared the undergrowth and found the ledge to be composed of soft, rotten stone impregnated with gold in large quantities. In fact, the entire mountain seemed to be so, and with the precious metal.

As they worked, however, they were in constant danger, for the mountain side seemed to be alive, and it was only by the most careful and cautious handling that they were able to keep their feet on the precipitous farther and continued themselves with a wailing about the foot of the mountain. They remained on this island nearly two months before they were taken off by a passing vessel which stopped to fill her water casks.

Shortly after their return to the mainland the sailor was taken down with typhoid fever and died. The carpenter then took the gold and, keeping his secret, set sail for his home, where he brought a label. He intended some time to return to the island, but one winter

WASPS ACT IN A TRAGEDY.

But They Come Very Near Turning It Into a Comedy.

"One of the most laughable scenes I ever witnessed during the representation of one of Shakespeare's tragedies," said a well known theatrical manager to the writer the other day, "happened to the late Tom Keene when he was performing in a northern New York town. The company was playing Julius Caesar, and at the last moment it was found that the property man had failed to send up the regular throne chair used in the senate scene, and an old rustic chair was hastily procured from the left of the theater and, after being covered with drapery, was pressed into service. In the midst of the scene a large wasp's nest was discovered attached to the chair, and its inhabitants, becoming indignant at the disturbance they had suffered, began to swarm about the stage, seeking revenge upon the Romans in their low necked and short sleeved dresses. The wasps seemed to be particularly offended with Caesar, and it is doubtful if Caesar's death scene was ever acted with more feeling, for at the moment he was being pierced by the conspirators' daggers the wasps were most industrious in their work.

In the tent scene where Caesar appears to Brutus one might almost have doubted its being the real Caesar. It was the same in form and dress, but the face was no longer the same. In the last act Brutus had one eye closed, Antony a swollen lip, Cassius an enlarged chin, Lucius an inequality in the size of his hands and Octavius Caesar a nose that would have done service as the famous nasal organ of Barflog in Henry IV.

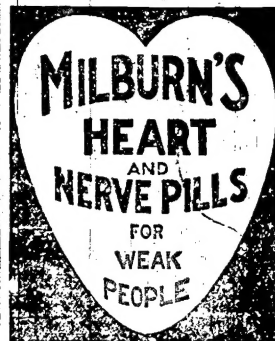
"The tragedy came very near becoming a roaring comedy when Mr. Keene, as Cassius, said, 'Antony, the posture of your blows is yet unknown but for your words; they rob the Hybla bees and leave them honeyless,' and the actor who was doing Antony replied, 'Not stingless too.'"

ELECTION DAY.

How It Came to Be Tuesday After First Monday in November.

The designation of the day for holding a presidential election is left to congress. The first act passed by it relating to that subject was in 1792. It provided that presidential electors should be appointed within 34 days before the first Wednesday, in December. This left each state free to select a day to suit itself within those limits. Pennsylvania chose electors on the last Friday in October. Other states elected theirs on different days between the beginning and middle of November.

When Harrison was elected in 1890, the Democrats asserted that his success was due partly to fraudulent voting, which was made possible by the lack of a definite election day. It was alleged that Kentucky and Ohio Whigs had voted in bad weather, the election being held on a cloudy day. So in 1895 the Democrats passed the law now on the statute books making the first Tuesday after the first Monday



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Local Interest

N. Higgins left for St. Paul Monday morning on mining business.

R. Johnson and family moved in from Mikado last week.

Jno. Beaudry of the Central house left for Fort William on a business trip Sunday night.

A. Watson returned from Goldbrook Saturday.

T. R. Deaton and Mardock McLean returned from Mikado Saturday.

Frank Gardner went up to Mikado Monday.

Miss Shackley of Winnipeg visiting her sister Mrs. Benoit Johnson.

The members of Federal Labor Union No. 2 of Rat Portage, held their first meeting of the year on January 4th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., P. A. Davidson; Vice Pres., J. McMurphy; Rec. Sec., R. Strain; Sec. Treas., J. E. Alcock; Warden, W. Alcock; Conductors, R. T. Graham.

Ex-Mayor Savage, a resident of Rat Portage for many years, has been the guest of Mayor Arbutnot for a short time. Mr. Savage has been a resident of Montreal for two years and was interested in the construction of the very important link of the Great Northern railway of Canada connecting the Canada Atlantic with the system by a branch running from Hawkesbury, Ont. He leaves to-day for home stopping over a day at Rat Portage, Winnipeg Free Press.

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"The ethical significance of the new commandment," will be the subject discussed at Lily next Sunday night.

Miss E. Cameron left Monday for Toronto to resume her studies.

Geo. Blackie left Saturday for the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates camp in Seine river.

C. A. Anderson, of Winnipeg, was in town last Saturday.

Kenneth Matheson, who returned with the second contingent, has been visiting in town. He was presented with a beautiful gold locket by the people of Neepigon. He left for Winnipeg yesterday morning.

The train from the east was five hours late yesterday morning.

A very quiet wedding took place Monday afternoon at the residence of B. W. Watson, when Miss Mary Peterson, late of the Hilliard house, Rat Portage, was married to James Carmichael of Gash Point, late steward of the steamer Majestic. Rev. A. M. Skene tied the knot. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple drove to Gash Point, where the groom has an hotel—Fort Frances Times.

Mackenzie & Mann are building a hospital at Sturgeon Falls, for the accommodation of employees who may be sick while working on the right of way. It will be in charge of the company's doctor.

Hyland Bros. of Port Hyland have a contract with the Northern Pacific to get out a large number of ties.

Crown timber agent Wm. Margosh and Hugh Kennedy are in the Rainy Lake district visiting the lumber camps.

James Wilson, employed at Arnot's lumber camp, died rather suddenly last Friday at the Fort Frances hospital.

J. M. Savage, of Montreal, Ex-Mayor of Rat Portage, spent a few days in town this week. It is about two years since Mr. Savage left Rat Portage and he says he has noted a decided improvement in the appearance of the town in that short time. He has every confidence in the future of the town and predicts a lively summer. His many friends here were pleased to meet him.

Mrs. Walter Johnston entertained a number of young people at her residence on Wednesday evening to a potluck party. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The local union of Christian Endeavor will hold their quarterly meeting in the Methodist church on Monday night next. It is particularly desirable that there be a grand rally.

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The news was brought to town by Jack Spence, Constable Emmous and the body will be brought in this afternoon.

An unconfirmed rumor states that the man committed suicide by shooting himself.

Gossiping Neighbors

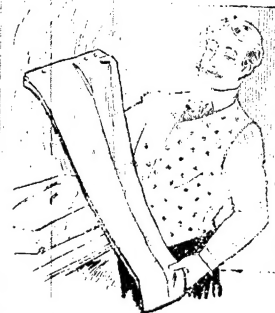
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Winnipeg Tribune: The adoption by the city council last night of the agreement between the city, the Canadian Pacific railway and the Rat Portage Lumber Co. for a spur track to lumber yard of Rat Portage Lumber Co. will enable the latter company to have direct railway connection with the new yards on Gladstone and Higgins

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S.S. Cummins has returned from a protracted visit to Winnipeg and points west.

We are requested by the young lady in question to state that the report circulated about Georgina Hamilton running away with the former night clerk of the Russell house is not true.

The total number of immigrants arriving in the west during 1900 was 38,324, against 41,920 for 1899. In 1899, however, 7,427 Doukhobors arrived, while there were very few of these people last year.

The value of the output of gold in Canada last year was approximately \$21,200,000, compared with \$13,775,000 in the previous year, and \$1,148,778 in 1890. On this amount last year Ontario contributed \$420,444; Yukon district, \$16,000,000; British Columbia, \$4,202,473 and Nova Scotia, \$617,904.

On account of the resignation of C. H. Carpenter, deputy Sheriff, on whom the duties of Sheriff devolved by the death of his father, the late Sheriff Carpenter, H. Langford, crown attorney, has been appointed pro tem, Sheriff of the District of Rainy River. The statutes provide that when a vacancy occurs in the sheriff's office, and where there is no deputy, the duties then fall upon the crown attorney. It is generally understood that it will not be long till the government makes the permanent appointment. In the meantime the office has been placed in good hands.

Miss Cummings at Victoria Rink.

Quite a large crowd assembled in Victoria Rink last Tuesday evening to see the first fancy skater that has ever appeared in the new rink. These that were there were surely well satisfied with the evenings pleasure. Miss Cummings did not appear till after eight o'clock, and there was a large number of skaters on the ice when the bell rang to announce one of America's most fancy skaters.

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